MANNING, S. C. WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1909

# **CLOUD BURST**

Ruins the Mexican State of Tobasco by Sweewing All Before It.

## A VERY HEAVY RAINFALL

Over Thirty-two Inches Fell, Which Is Heaviest for Three Weeks in Thirty-two Years-Cities Towns Inundated, People Are Homeless and Crops Destroyed.

An estimated loss of five millions of pesos, including crops and fine lost and many others, it is feared, sacrificed in the floods, hundreds of homes in country and town washed away and thousands of head of catof the disastrous cloud burst and as miles of roadway in the dif- of the Donaldson Line steamer Hes Tabasco, Mexico. Wednesday. fol- struction, number of miles built in lowing 21 days of incessant rain 1909, expenditures in money and all over this region. Rivers are labor, cash tax, labor tax and the out of their banks, towns inundated. total estimated amount expended by List is yet in sight

From north to south, extending across the State from the Mescalpa the schedule: and the Grijalva rivers, which take "Mr. the two names after forking near Huinaguilto to the banks of the Usumacinta, which for a short distance and Guatemala, the entire country mountain villages and plateau farms

Five hundred families are homether cities and towns inundated ure Muinaguilte, Tenosique, Jaiapa, Tracetalpam, Tiapa, Santa Rosa and and hence I am sending you this a camber of smaller villages along the Mescalpa river, while the south all in the blanks indicated below ineder of the State of Jonuta, Palache, Carmen, Palizada and Santarita En the valley of the Usumcinta river thre badly damaged as the result of the flood.

A total of thirty-two and a half Siste in three weeks, which is the record for water fall in 32 years three and four feet deep in many the requirements of the law." houses. Temporary lodging houses have been fitted up by the son are as follows: authorities of San Juan Bautista and more than a thousand service are being fed and lodged at the city's expense. So complete is the inund clos of Santa Rosa that it resem Whis an arm of the sea. Streets parks and gardens are inundated by theree feet of water and the popuwation is living on roofs, shivering and starving, praying for the water-

to recede. Jaiapa suffered heary losses or account of food and many Indian huts have been destroyed, compelling the occupants to seek relief from the town authorities. Similar conditions prevail at Tlacotalpen and Tlapa. Reports from the interior state that the storm accompanying the heavy rain was the most disastrous known in this section in years Forests of mahogany and cedar were uprooted by the force of the wine and rain and thousands of trees washed away. Cattle ranches also suffered heavily, stock being drowned as the herds fled from the bir rain and were washed into the treacherous streams.

Every crop in the State traverse: by the storm is thought to be destroyed, while thousands of acreare under water. The State govern ment is assisting the stricken cities and it is likely the governor wil send out an appeal to the federagovernment for aid.

## SKY CYCLE IS PREDICTED.

#### Jersey Scientist Says Any One Will Soon Be Able to Fly Around.

A dispatch from New Brunswick N. J., says at a meeting of the Net Jersey State Microscopical Society held at Rutgers College, Prof. Juliu Nelson, State biologist, in a lectur on aerial navigation, prophesied tha within a few years any one woul be able to ascend and decend in the air without the aid of zeroplanes o similar machines, but by the use o what he termed a skycycle.

"Why not manufacture wing, comething on the order of those or Mirds and have them controlled by the leg muscles of the human be ing?" asked Prof. Nelsor. "Scientists have been giving this much thought and I prophesy that within a short time people will be able to go into the air any time they wan to. Just take the wings out of your nocket and ascend. When you comdown, fold them up and put them 's your pocket."

## NO PRAYERS AT FUNERAL

## Kansas City Man Does Not Want Re-

marks by "Fool Prescher." Declaring that he did not believe in the Bible, and that he did no: want any "fool of a preacher" making remarks over his body. Dr. F H. Osborne, a physician, who died in Kansas City, Kan., a few days ago, left a letter asking that his body be cremated and that the asher be thrown into the Missouri river from the Hannibal bridge at St

Louis. Though Osborne lived in Kansas City twenty years, it is declared that his real name was Edward W. Hodges, and that he formerly liver in New York city. He left enough money to care for the queer dispo sition of his body, and his reques was complied with

## **GOOD ROADS WORK**

COMMISSIONER WATSON ASKS FOR INFORMATION.

Number of Miles of Roadway and Cost of Same to Be Sent in by Every County.

A circular was addressed by Commissioner Watson a few days ago to all of the county supervisors of the State calling for exhaustive information as to just what has been done in the matter of good roads in every county of the State during the year. The information which will be furnished by the county suannual report of the commissioner.

roads question. The table accompanying the circudecade up to 1909.

The following is the circular and County Super-

visor. "My Dear Sir: This department will be apparent to you, to obtain is to the work of building public escaped from the terrific onslaught highways in South Carolina for compilation and publication in my forthcoming annual report. Of course, ed from the county supervisors in the several counties of the State, circular with the request that you the best of your ability and reurn the same to me at the earliest possible moment.

"While I am sure it is not neces sarv. I wish to call your attention to be fact that there are two provisinches of water has fallen in the jons of law which require the furnshing of such information by both State and county officials when called A large part of the lower section of upon by this department therefor Son Juan Bautista is under water. However, I know that you will be The barrio of Santa Cruz has been glad to furnish this information totally depopulated and the water is promptly without any reference to the ship many miles off her course.

> Miles of public roads, in 1904; fotal of all public roads: total suday mixture; total surfaced with hell.

The statistics wanted by Mr. Wat-

Built in 1909: Total surfaced vith stone; total surfaced with gravel: total surfaced with sand-clay nixture; total surfaced with shell Expenditures in money and labor. msh tax; Road levy, rate per \$100; amount of cash expenditures, induding amounts received; from commutation tax and amounts expended for the support of the county chaingang, so far as these amounts an be reported.

Labor tax. Number of men who performed road duty (free labor): number of convicts employed during the year; average number of convicts used per day; average wages per day for road work; average cost naintenance convict labor per day: estimated total value of labor tax. excluding convicts; estimated total value of labor tax, including estinated value of work performed by noney and labor for road work; otal amount expended for equipnent of machinery and stock; averege total cost per mile for building roads; average total cost per ulle for maintenance of roadways

aben once built. Total estimated amount expended by county for roads in last decade ip to 1909.

"General summary (please give a oncise general statement of the ence said: oad work done in your county prior o and also under your direction).

## OUREN BELIEVES COOK

#### Uexandra Expresses Her Confidence in His Veracity.

A dispatch from Hamilton, Mont. ays Queen Alexandra of England. arough a message, received a few ays ago from Dr. Maurice Francis igan, American minister to Denlark, conveyed her greetings to Dr. rederick A. Cook and expressed bsolute confidence in his polar

chievement. Dr. Cook in an address at Hamilon. Mont., a few nights ago, deounced the tactics of his opponents unfair, and vigorously defended is contention that he ascended fount McKinley. He declared mony was used corruptly in obtaining ertain affidavits against him.

Hamilton is the home of Edward Barrill, the only man with Dr. look at Mount McKinley. Barrili nade a sworn statement that Dr. 'ook never reached the summit of dount McKinley.

Dr. Cook was enthusiastically re -ived and his address was generous applauded. Dr. Cook thanked his urge audience for its reception and saured his bearers he would go up he mountain again and obtain proofs hat he had made the first ascent. .

## Found Dying in Her Room

A dispatch from Jacksonville, Wabel A. Beaucham, of Boston, was found dying in her room in the Arahe hall. She died a short time of off, which are now in possession was hanged for the murder of a would not allow the farmer without lizter.

# **OVER SCORE LOST**

Steamer Hestia Wrecked Off Seal Cove, Grand Manan, Bay of Fundy.

## A CRASH AT MIDNIGHT

Navigator Unable to Pick Out Safe Course in Terrific Storm-Only Six of Forty Persons Known to Be Saved-Ship on Its Way to This Country.

The North Atlantic's annual tol of lives and vessels received the first hard woods, two lives known to be pervisors will be used in the next tithe of the winter season from its the throats of 4,000 people who had tributary-the Bay of Fundywhich will be one of the most com- Wednesday in the loss of at least a score of souls and the destruction on of the road, was the only official plete ever submitted on the good a shoal, inside of Old Proprietor's to arrive on the special. the drowned are the known results ar has space for information such Ledge, off Seal Cove, Grand Manan. storm that broke over the State of ferent counties, all data as to con- tia, bound from Glasgow for St. John and Baltimore. Four of the They brought the train in without victims-young Scotch ladies-were the slightest accident, good time passengers on the ill-fated steamer thousands are homeless and no rethe counties for roads in the last and the others were members of the crew. Captain Newman and twenty or more members of the crew were last seen in a ship's boat which was being tossed on a stormy sea.

Of the forty persons who were is exceedingly anxious, for various aboar dthe steamer when she piled marks the boundary between Chiapas reason, some of which, of course, up on the shoal, at 1 o'clock Wednesday morning, only six are positively is a total waste. Only the high an accurate and detailed statement known to have been saved. They were forced to cling to the wreck. shifting their precarious positions often as the steamer was tossed by the great seas. It was not until less in the city of Atasta alone, this information can only be obtain- 3 p. m. that life savers were able to man their boats and reach the stranded vessel. When rescued the survivors were in a weakened state after their 14 hours ordeal.

Those known to be saved are: Third Mate Stewart, Second Engineer Morgan and Seamen Keen, Mc-Kenzie, Smith and McVickar.

A heavy northeasterly gale is believed to have been responsible for the Hestia's fate, although it is supposed that a mistake of the man at the wheel in believing he had picked up Gannett Rock Light while really discerning the gleams of the right house on Machias S-al Island (several miles southwest) carried The sailors of the middle watch had been out of their bunks an hour and all others except the navigating officers, were stowed in bunks or hammocks, when the crash camfaced with stone; total surfaced with an hour after midnight. In the begravel; total surfaced with sand- lief that he was leaving Grand Manan on the port tack, and following the usual course to St. John, the navigating officer sought the distinquishing marks of that route. But they were not to be seen. Instead the steamer was heading for Seal Ove, between Gannett Rock and Machlas Seal Island, over seas which barely covered a treacherous bottom of shoals. It was on one of these, just inside Old Proprietor Ledge, that the vessel's nose became impaled.

#### THIS IS FARMER'S DAY. Says Senator Smith-Expects Cotton to Go to Famine Prices.

United States Senator E. D. Smith is in receipt of a letter from Statistician R. L. Neal, with advance sheets of a circular to be sent out, showing that the most careful estimateonvicts; total amount expended in of the cotton crop this year indicate a possible crop of 10,520,000 bales, agreeing with a recent estimate issued by Senator Smith.

From exporters. S-nator Smith learns that it is expected if the government report on cotton, issued next week, confirms private advices. cotton will be bound to reach famine prices. Speaking of the recent curmilment of production by the milis the senator a few days ago at Fior-

"The curtailment by the mills is not because of the high price of the staple, nor the depression in the price of goods, but because the spinners see that there is not to be cotton -nough to keep the mills busy untihe next crop, and a shutting down is inevitable. They make a convetience of necessity now in the notsuch action will depress cotton while they hav greedily wherever W. A. Hudgens of Starr Shot Negre hey can, despite their agreement

"The farmers now have an opporunity to see post corporations stick o their organizations when business interests demand individual action. just as was the case with the farmer when he rushed his cotton to market

to their amusement, despite the farmers' organization. "This is now the tarmers' day,

#### hank God. FINED \$65,000 IN TEXAS. Standard Oil Confessed Violation

Anti-Trust Laws. Oil Company of Indians was Tues- beld and Mr. Hudgens was exoneratday fined \$65,000 in the district ed. He greatly deplores the tragecourt, for the violation of the Texus dy.

Anti-Trust Law. The Security Oil Company and the Navarro Refining Company confess ed to having entered ir o a combine n violation of the Texas Anti-Trust laws and judgment amounting to about \$175,000 was entered against the companies. Forfeitures of charters, permits and ousters from the State will at once be prepared by the court and executed. The sun-Ma., says, with her throat cut, Mrs. against the Standard Oil Company of New Jorsey and the National Transit Company were dismissed ton hotel Tuesday morning by her without prosecution. The I BIOD fork, who occupied the room across the value of sixty-five tank cars Hill Louis Balaam, a negro preacher, pressed cotton, thus doing what he

## C. C. & O. RAILROAD

INTO SPARTANBURG.

Lasty Cheers Go Up From Thonsands Gathered at Depot.

A dispatch from Spartanburg says the first train over the Carolina. Clinchfield & Ohio road from Johnof the road.

As the train pulled into the station with Mayor Floyd tooting the whistle, a mighty shout arose from gathered at the station to welcome the visitors from over the mountains. G. Norment Powell, general counsel

Captain Martin, assisted by Captain Tiliotson, had charge of the train, while Engineers Christenberry and Baker were at the throttle. being made between Broad river and Spartanburg. After the train had come to a stop hundreds of people rushed forward and shook hands with the two engineers.

Mayor Floyd and two police officers walked out several miles along the track early Thursday night and awaited the arrival of the train and mounted the cab of the engine just as the train was pulling into the city of Spartanburg the mayor caught hold of the whistle and gave several long blasts, and just as the engine was about to pull under the car shed he opened the whistle valve and kept it open for several minutes. When the train came to a stop hundreds and hundreds of citizens crowded about the train and

## PICKED UP THREE MEN

welcomed the visitors.

In Power Boat and Steamer Took Them to Safety.

Picked up in the gulf, 30 miles southwest of Key West, Tuesday afternoon, three men, Victor Matson, aged 31; Herbert Sawyer, aged 16, and Cornelius Peterson, aged 17, were brought into Savannah Friday Austrian steamship from Galveston The three men are all in the government service and went out into per band. the gulf in a small power boat to and a government pile driver that had been swept out to sea by the of excess tare. recent hurricane.

They fought the waves all of Monday night and until their rescue Tuesday afternoon, when they were barely adoat and their boat helpless A red handkerchief was used to signal the Clara. The power boat was abandoned.

Sawyer was thrown head first through the glass windows of the boat's cabin, but was unburt. During the hurricane at Key West his father's home was lifted from it: foundation and he aided in saving the other members of the family from death.

TELLS OF CANAL WORK.

#### Charlestonian Thinks Panama Ditch Will be Completed in 5 Years.

Dominick Cherry, a civil engineer engaged in work on the Panama canal, is in charleston on a visit to relatives, this being his first visit home in two years. Mr. Cherry was given six weeks' vacation and in a couple of weeks he will have to return to New York and take a

liner for the isthmus. Mr. Cherry reports great progress in the work of construction and he says that it is the general impression down there that the canal will be completed in about five years. The work on the locks has been begun and is being actively prosecut-

Mr. Cherry is a graduate of Clemson college. He graduated in civil engineering a little over three years ago and almost immediately afterwards he stood an examination and secured a position with the government.

KILLS SERVANT BY MISTAKE.

Woman for Burglar.

Mistaking her for a burglar, W. A Hudgens, cashier of the Bank of Starr, Starr, S. C., shot and instantly killed Martha Young, his colored ervant, a few nights ago. Mr. Hudgens was alone at homregarding bagging and ties in ex-

when he heard some one enter the kitchen. He hailed the intruder and. receiving no response, fired twice at the object. A person fell to the floor, death resulting instantly. On investigation Mr. Hudgens found the victim to be his servant arrange some milk. An inquest was

## Died in Cotton Seed.

William Fields, of Goldesboro, N. was recently smothered to death by cotton seed in which he was The little fellow, who was only five years old. was playing in the seed with some companions when the tatal accident hap woed.

bung at Luverne for the killing of sing over 21 pounds, or he would purpose his wife and daughter, and at Grove not put additional bagging on com-

## THE TARE ON COTTON

THOUSANDS CHEER FIRST TRAIN CAUSES TROUBLE AMONG THE BUYERS AND SELLERS.

Mayor Floyd Toots the Whistle and The Farmers Refuse to Accept the Rates of Cotton Buyers and the Union Takes a Hand.

The State says there is dissatisfaction in the Farmers' Union over the tare rate on cotton. This matter is reported to have been conson City arrived in Spartanburg sidered at recent meetings of the Thursday night at \$:36 bringing \$90 county union in Richland. It seems people from points along the line the foreign shippers allow a tare margin of 30 pounds on a 500-pound bale to the buyers and shippers The buyers and shippers are said to have formed an agreement among themselves to allow only 21 pounds to the bale.

In this connection the Farmers Union has issued a circular letter in which the grievance is presented to the farmers with a view to taking some action relative thereto. Some action was taken at the last meeting, but just what was done has not been definitely stated by the State Farmers' Union.

In the issue of The Farmers' Union Sun of Augus 27, was published the text of the agreement of the buyers, together with a reply by A. J. A. Perritt, president of the South Carolina State Farmers' Union.

The articles in question follows:

Agreement of Spinners and Cotton Buyers of Columbia, S. C., Territory:

We find it necessary to take some steps relative to the excessive amount of bagging and ties that is now being put on cotton at the gins. The excess bagging, and ties put on at the gins is increasing, and it is now the custom of many gins to use an unnecessary amount of bagging and ties in covering the cotton. The merchant is billed back by the spiner with the amount of excess bar ging and ties, and, in view of this fact, it is necessary to take steps to protect ourselves against this loss. All domestic mills and European buyers are deducting for excess bagging and ties, and we, the under signed, will be forced to do likewise; therefore, on and after September 1, 1909, we will deduct for excess tare as specified below.

On all cotton carrying more than six yards bagging, we will deduct afternoon on board the Clara, an two pounds per yard for each yard in excess of six yards, and for bands in excess of six bands, one pound

We reserve the right to reject cotpalpable addition D. Crawford & Son.

J. E. Latham's Agency. Per. R. D. Thomson, Mgr. B. B. Ford & Co. Girardeau; L. V. Dibble, Frost & Lipscomb. M. C. Heath & Co., Maybank & Co.,

R. B. Jennings & Co.

W. C. Mullins, Mgr.

President Perritt on the Action the Columbia Cotton Buyers: If correctly intormed there is a are of 30 pounds deducted from very bale of cotton sold by the planter. If the planter puts on every bale six yards of two pound begging and six ties, all of which weight 11 pounds, then there is a total loss to the planter of nine pounds per bale. As there seems to be a desire on the part of many of the buyers of cotton to join hands with done-stic mills and European buyers to make additional deductions at their

discretion, the executive committee of the Farmers' Union of South Carolina urges the necessity of set ting in motion the forces that will legally maintain the rights of the planter, allowing a tare for the act ual weight of bagging and ties of

each bale of cotton. We further urge that this matter be taken up by the national union which meets early in September, and such action be taken by that bod as is necessary to protect the interests of the planter.

We deem the action of the cotton buyers of Columbia, S. C., as threatening in its character and detrimental in its purpose to the farmer, and we urge wise and determined resentment on the part of our planters to any such action.

A. J. A. Perritt, President. S. C. State Farmers' Union. Lamar, S. C., Aug. 18, 1909.

The following statement was is sued by J. Whitner Reed, secretarytreasurer of the South Carolina Stat-

Farmers' Union: agreement of Columbia cotton buyers

cess of 21 pounds, and what President Perritt says relatives thereto: Evidently some action should be taken by the county and local unions respecting the matter, as in all probability cotton buyers throughout the who had come into the kitchen to State have entered into a similar sult between the pupils and the agreement. If so, and nothing is done to counteract their action, it means a loss to the farmers of the State. The buyers, it will be observ-

ed , claim that they must protect themselves against the action of the out loss. The farmer's contention is spinners, foreign and domestic, who that he should not be made to pay deduct 30 pounds tare, and yet it has been stated that cotton buyers playing failing on him and covering in the State increase the amount of fixed by the foreign spinners. If been again requested to ask that all bagging at the compress on cotton the buyer wishes to rebale cotton delegates who expect to attend the intended for foreign shipment and for shipment to foreign ports, that State convention of the United endeavor to make the farmer pay is his affair, not the farmer's. excess of 21 pounds, although the and local unions consider this mat- at once to notify Mrs. James McInforeign buyer allows 30 pounds. As ter and take some action in regard, tosh, at Newberry.

> State Farmers' Union. penalty who claims that he has the Columbia S. G. Aug. 31, 1909.

# BURNED TO DEATH

HUSBAND FOUGHT VAINLY TO EXTINGUISH FLAMES.

The Atlanta Journal says Mrs. Present Dispensary Law Does Not Maggie Rooks, 22 years of age, the Provide for Any Settlement in wife of John M. Rooks, of 95 Central avenue. Atlanta, after suffering Case of No Assets-Important excruciating agony from burns re-Matters to Come Before Windingceived Monday afternoon, arose in ber bed screaming for water, and

The State says one of the matters Mrs. Rooks' death occurred at 8 ceived her burns.

fered agony with great fortitude.

in the case of each county and apparently there is no way to force the According to the checking up of Auditor West of claims from the books of the county boards affected shows a total of \$235,161.80 due. The claims by counties are as fol-

Not thinking of danger to herself. Mrs. Rooks seized the saucer, and with a light cotton apron, which she was wearing, attempted to extinguish the blaze. Part of the tragedy. flaming liniment was spilled on the blaze.

clothing caught.

Not for an instant losing her selfblazing garments.

onds the work necessitated, his wife received burns which proved fatal. Lumpkin, an aged negress, living He fell and I fired six shots into in the basement of an adjoining his back. I always hated him. house, who hearing the screams was

sistance. from serious burns on his hands and in his throat caused by his swal-

The negress gently placed Mrs. Rooks on the floor of the porch, and number of dispensaries in each have running into the room tore a sheet from the bed, with which she cover-

## DORCHESTER BOARD NAMED

#### Those Recommended by the County Delegation Appointed.

Gov. Ansel has appointed O. B. Dukes of St. George, A. E. Thrower of Ridgeville and W. W. Way of thing told me that I must tell all. Dorchester as members of the registration board of Dorchester county to take the place of the old board chich was dismissed by the governor everal days ago. The old board was composed of Messrs. Elias Dorr. R. M. Limehouse and A. W. Rumph.

When the charges were made against the former board Gov, Ansel ordered the members to appear before him and show cause why they should not be removed from office. On the day set for the hearing only wo of the members, Messrs, Limehouse and Dorr, were present. Mr. Rumph baving previously resigned. The appointment of the new board

was made by the governor on the recommendation of the Dorchester delegation.

## NEAR STARVATION.

#### President of Great Northern Has Another Trying Experience.

Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern railroad, has undergone a second trying experience, be Erasmus High School at Brooklyn, ing compelled to live four days sole N. Y., have held a mass meeting at ly upon elk mest. While automobiling from Helena, Mont., to Great down, and he was compelled to sleep The order to discontinue the use in a haystack, a farmer refusing him she grappled with her assailant, who

Neither had any food, but found an abandoned camp and secured late hour, however, the miscreant The school faculty has taken a some bread. The hunter killed an had not been captured. Belton, where Hill was picked up Mitchell had just been paid certain and carried to Libbey, Mont.

#### DELEGATES SHOULD NOTHY. Request to Intending Attendants Up-

on T. D. C. Convention. A special to The State from Newwirry says: Your correspondent bas

Alabama had two hangings on a matter of fact the home buyer suf. to same, either at the next regular Mrs, McIntoch is chairman of the Willie Stevens, white, was fees no loss for excess weight of bag- meeting or a meeting called for the committee on homes for the delegates, and it is important that she

McIntesh without delay.

James McMahon Slayer of Two Sisters and Brother-in-Law.

## THE CRIME LONG PLANNED

Inable to Hold His Tongue He Will Be Able to Sleep in Prace. Murders Committed on Farm Near

James McMahon has confessed o'clock Tuesday morning at the Gra-ithat he murdered his sisters. Miss Royen and the latter's husband. Alonzo Van Royen, on a farm near Kansas City, Kans., last Tuesday. fective next month wall concern the lost consciousness. On account of A long standing family quarrel causher serious condition no soothing ed the tragedy. McMahon killed oplate could be administered, and Van Royen in a wood and later went for 15 hours the young woman suf- to the Van Royen home and shot his

Kansas City.

sisters: Fearing mob violence by a throng that gathered about the county jail after the confession became known, the sheriff rushed the murderer and his brother. Patrick McMahon, and habit of applying to her husband's Patrick Lamb, a farm hand, who are held as witnesses, to the penitentiary

at Lansing in automobiles. McMahon's inability to keep his secret caused him to be arrested. He told a friend where he had hidden a revolver with which he did the killing, and several articles be took from Van Royen's home.

As Sheriff Becker was preparing to arrest James McMahon the latter walked into his office and announced he was ready to help work on the case as he had been doing since the

Sheriff Becker immediately arrested him. Prosecutor Taggart and Sheriff Becker sweated McMahon for In a second the entire apron was two hours. Then McMahon confessed

"Yes, I killed my two sisters and brother-in-law and I was crazy when control. Mrs. Rooks rushed from I did it," he shouted, rising out of the room to the back porch, cry- his chair and pacing the room. "It ing to her husband to tear off the took me three months to plan and execute the crime. I waited until In fear and excitement Mr. Rooks I knew my intended victims would began tearing and ripping of the be in the right positions for me to clothing, but even in the few sec- kill them and get away. On Tuesday Rose went to visit at Van Royen's and Lon went to the woods. I The husband was aided by Mandie found him and shot him in the head.

"Then I walked into the house the first person to come with as- and found my sisters. My first shot probably killed Mrs. Van Royen as Mr. Rooks himself was suffering she sat on a chair. She screamed

to me and I shot her down. "With the two women virtually dead. I was free to take my time. I fired two more shots into the body of Mrs. Van Royen and five more into Rose's body. I did not burry away. I was not unduly excited. it was the culmination of my only

thoughts for months. "I searched the house and found some rings and other valuables. I took all of them and my revoiver and hid them in a corn shock. Later it dawned on me that I had committed a crime. I tried to keep it a secret. But hour by hour some-

Tonight I'll sleep in peace." The confessed murderer had been severely cross-questioned by he police many times since the murder, but he skillfully extricated himself from the few compromising positions

into which he had stepped. He was taken at one time to the scene of the murder and forced at midnight under the glare of a flashight to rehearse his story. He did it unflinchingly, swearing he knew nothing of the crime. Later he offered \$600 reward for the arrest

of the murderer. The quarrel between the Van Royen and the McMabons is said to have started over the desire of the senior Mrs. McMabon to give part of her property to Van Royen. Rose McMahon was friendly with the Van Royens. This caused James Mc-

#### Mahon to dislike her. NEGRO ATTACKS WHITE WOMAN.

#### ady at Lanes Roughly Handled by an Assailant.

At 8 o'clock Tuesday night at Lanes, S. C., Mrs. Mitchell, of that town, was called to the door of her house, and, upon opening it, was struck in the head with a heavy stick. choked her and handled her severely before she was able to tear her-

The Sheriff of Williamsburg county arrived on Train 89, and a posse scoured the country. Up to a It is supposed that the motive of

rent money. The injuries, which she received in the encounter, were painful and several stitches had to be taken in the wound on her head.

## SENT HIM TO GALLOWS.

#### Is What Condemned Murderer Says of Secret Societies.

Syl Bynum, colored, convicted of

the murder of John Turner, was Daughters of the Confederacy, which It is requested that the county will meet in Newberry November 30, hanged at Fort Ganes, Ga., Wednesday at 11 o'clock. Bypum made a full confession on the gallows of the crime, which was a midnight assassination. The hanging took place privately in Clay county jail at 11 bave this information at once. All o'clock. In his dying statement Secretary-Treasurer, South Carolina delegates who expect to attend will Bynum advised negroes to stay out confer a favor by notifying Mrs. of secret societies, as they had been his ruin, he stated.

# WHISKEY SALES

Claims by Counties Show Very Interest-

ing Figures.

up Commission.

liability for claims for supplies.

that all of the counties will have

enough money when the business is

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money will probably be turned into

the county treasuries as profits. The

county itself to pay the claims.

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Orangeburg .. .. .. 43,423.13

Williamsburg ..... 29,108.52

Total .. .. .. ..\$235,161.80

All counties, except Lee, Lexing-

to closing on November 15. These

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lows:

Abbeville ...

#### Sancer of Liniment Which Mrs. Maggie Rooks Was Warming Catches Fire, Igniting Her Clothes.

then fell back lifeless.

ikely to come up in connection with the final winding-up of the affairs dy hospital, whither she was taken Rose McMahon and Mrs. Alonzo Van within a few minutes after she reof the dispensaries in the 15 counties in which prohibition becomes ef-Mrs. Rucks never for an instant

At the present time it is thought In a room at her nome, 95 Central closed on the 15th to pay all claims avenue, about 5 o'clock Monday afternoon, Mrs. Rooks was heating in a china saucer, a liniment containing turpentine, which she was in the present dispensary law does not make the State liable beyond the assets back, which was injured while he was at work some time ago.

She had placed the saucer on the bearth .near the fire, and was waiting until the liniment would be bot enough for use. Mr. Rooks expectorated into the fire causing a number of sparks to fly into the liniment which was ignited instantly.

Calhoun ..... 12,609.66 foor and her apron was soon in a Dorchester . . . . . . . 14,052.92 Fairfield .. .. .. 19,802.09 fame and other portions of her all.

ton, Williamsburg and Berkeley, have been checked up preparatory will be attended to within the next few days. After the closing of the dispensaries Mr. West will check up the remainder of the business and hopes soon after when the fixtures

have been sold to be in a position to have the claims paid and all o the business in final shape for the report to the legislature. owing a part of the flame. None of the 15 counties have sold out their entire stock, although a

disposed of all of their stock and have been closed. As to whether all of the claims will be paid that is a problem which will have to be settled later. It all depends on whether the stocks are disposed of or not. Should any of the stock be left over it would have to sell at a greatly reduced price and in that case it would mean that there might be a deficit which would

have to be met. The logical result would be an appeal to the legislature for aid. For instance, in Orangeburg the stock on hand is worth \$43,423.13. according to the statement by Mr. West. There are only a few more lays until the dispensaries in Orangeburg county will close, and the notion is wather the perpe of Orangeburg county are going to buy

about \$4,000 worth of whiskey each lay until the dispensaries close, Williamsburg county is another ostance. The stock on hand in that ounty is worth over \$29,000. Will all of that amount be sold by Noember 15 is the question, and bould it not, then what will be the result? The remainder of the stock ill have to be sold at about 50 per ent of its value. Barnwell also has

#### a large stock on hand to be sold. WON'T GIVE UP THE "RATS."

## School Girls at Brooklyn Decide to Disobey Obnoxious Order.

Two thousand girls attending the

which they decided to ignore an edict issued by the assistant prin- Falls. Mont., he was mistaken for cipal, prohibiting the wearing of a tramp, when his machine broke "rats" and puffs in their hair. of such aids to feminine adorument lodging. created such consternation that the Hill, who was visiting the proposgirls held a mass meeting after ed Glacier National Park with a self loose. She screamed and her local unions is called to the above school hours and agreed that the photographer and others, got sep- assailant, who she saw was a negro, new rule would not be obeyed, and arted from the party. He met a made off in the darkness. that all girls who so desired might hunter and engaged his services to continue the wearing of puffs and escort him out. rats and have the support of all

the girl students. determined stand in the matter, and elk, and for four days this was their it is expected that a clash will resisole ration. Finally they reached the negro was robbery, as Mrs. teaching staff.

right to use bagging and ties up to 30 pounds weight at the gip which the buyer uses at the compress witha price for complying with the standard of weight for bagging and ties

I Whitner Reid.